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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 5881

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ICCS HELICOPTER LOSS SITREP

1. SENIOR MR 1 ICCS OFFICIALS BEGAN MEETING WITH PRG' S COLONEL PHUONG AT THE THACH HAN RIVER AT 1040 LOCAL THIS MORNING.

2. CANDEL SAIGON, SPEAKING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOC, NOT ICCS, HAS MADE STRONGEST PROTEST TO PRG SAIGON, THREATENING TO GO TO THE PRESS AND BRING " FULL WEIGHT OF GOC" TO BEAR IF ARRANGEMENTS TO RETURN REMAINS AND SURVIVORS NOT MADE WITHIN NEXT FEW HOURS. CANDEL HAS ACCUSED PRG OF DELAYING IN ORDER TO DOCTOR EVIDENCE OF THEIR CULPABILITY IN CRASH.

3. DAO REPORTS THAT SAR TEAM AT NKP STANDING DOWN ON ASSUMPTION PRG CLEARANCE WILL NOT BE GRANTED. NKP STILL READY TO PROVIDE MEDICAL AND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT IF ICCS REQUESTS, PRG PERMITS, AND WASHINGTON AUTHORIZES UNESCORTED MISSION. HOWEVER, WE NOW
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EXPECT THAT IF PRG CLEARANCE FORTHCOMING AT ALL, ONLY ICCS AIRCRAFT
WOULD BE PERMITTED TO ENTER CRASH AREA.

4. WE HAVE OBTAINED FOLLOWING MANIFESTS FOR DOWNED AIRCRAFT.

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PILOT IN CHARGE	DE VOLL, HANK LEE (US)
1 ST OFFICER	HOTCHKISS, MARK ANDREW (US)
FLT MECHANIC	ALFORQUE, LORETO A. (PHIL.)

006 PILOT IN CHARGE OSTERMAN, CHARLES LEROY (US)

1 ST OFFICER	CLARK, TERRY DEAN (US)
FLT MECHANIC	ROSALES, VALERIANO P. (PHIL.)
	CAPT. LA VIOLETTE (CANDELL)
	LTC GUNNAWAN (INDODEL)
	CAPT. DYLSKI (HUNGDEL)
	CAPT. CZIDOLY (HUNGDEL)
	2 PRG PERSONNEL

5. WORD JUST RECEIVED FROM CONGEN DANANG IS THAT PRG AT THACH HAN
MEETING REPORT THAT ONE HELICOPTER WAS DESTROYED AND ALL ABOARD
ARE

DEAD. PRG SAY CRASH SITE IS AT YD103280. THE OTHER HELICOPTER
REPORTED TO BE ON THE GROUND WITH CREW AND PASSENGERS SAFE AT
UNKNOWN LOCATION. WE DO NOT NOW KNOW WHICH AIRCRAFT DESTROYED.
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